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Letter dated 30 December 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the statement made by the Government of Colombia on 26 November 1991 concerning the creation of the Commonwealth of Independent States, the support which those States have given to the Russian Federation's continuance of the membership of the USSR in the United Nations, my country's decision to maintain with the Russian Federation the diplomatic relations it had with the Soviet Union and its intention of establishing such relations with the other States of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

The following is the text of the statement made by the Government of Colombia:

"The Government of Colombia has followed very closely the process of change in the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which led to the dissolution of the USSR and the creation by the majority of its constituent States of a Commonwealth of Independent States.

"The Government of Colombia, bearing in mind the decision taken concerning the Russian Federation on 25 December at the fourth meeting of the Supreme Soviet, has decided to maintain with that Federation the diplomatic relations it formerly had with the Soviet Union.

"The Colombian Government notes the decision taken by the States of the Commonwealth of Independent States to support the Russian Federation's continuance of the membership of the USSR in the United Nations, including its participation in the Security Council, and also the desire expressed by that Commonwealth to contribute to the

strengthening of international peace and security, on the basis of the Charter of the United Nations and the fulfilment of its international obligations.

"The National Government states its intention of establishing diplomatic relations with the other States of the Commonwealth of Independent States in due course, in strict conformity with its international policies.

"Lastly, it expresses gratitude for the work done by President Mikhail Gorbachev, which has made a major contribution in recent years to the process of democratization and the climate of détente in international relations.

"Santafé de Bogotá, Colombia, 26 December 1991."

I should be grateful if you would have this communication distributed to the Permanent Missions of States Members of the United Nations as an official document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

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